

7 May 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, ECONOMIC DIVISION

SUBJECT : Food Gift to Hungary

REFERENCE : a) 6 May 1953 Secret Memorandum to C/SecD from [REDACTED] concerning same subject

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1. The proposal outlined in paragraphs 2 and 3 of reference (a) was rejected this morning by the State Department at a meeting attended by the same committee that met on the previous day.

2. The reasons for not approving the proposal at this time were primarily based on the considerations referred to in paragraph 4 of reference (a) plus the following opinion given by Mr. Ringland (Chief of the State Department Staff for voluntary agencies): the welfare agencies operate on humanitarian and priority needs rather than for political and psychological objectives and it is wrong for the U.S. Government to ask private welfare groups to carry out propaganda programs; such a proposal would probably result in a humiliating turn-down, particularly since all these welfare agencies suffered from bad treatment and expulsion from Hungary during the last two years; there is greater need for U.S. surplus foods that may become available in friendlier areas such as in South Korea, Pakistan, etc., than there is in Hungary at the present time.

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